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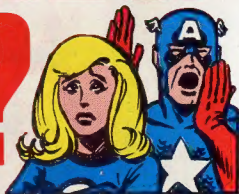


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DEADLY LESSON: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON....?

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"--FIND?"



"HUI!"



WHA--



"MY NAME HANGS UNFINISHED ON HIS LIPS, LIKE AN EXECUTIONER'S AXE INTERRUPTED IN MID-STROKE..."



"MY MIND WHIRLS AS I SEEK TO FIND THE WHY, AND THEN... I RECOGNIZE HIM, ONE WHOM FOR YEARS I'VE THOUGHT..."



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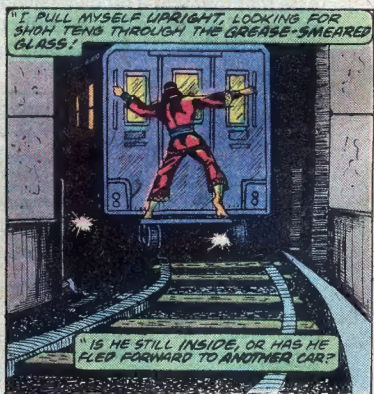
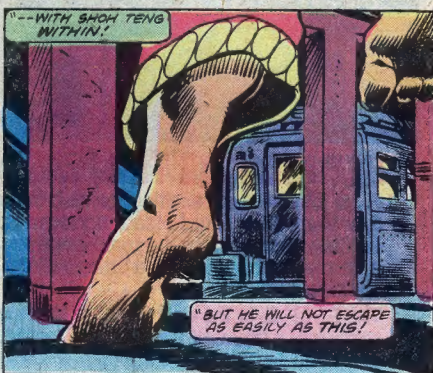
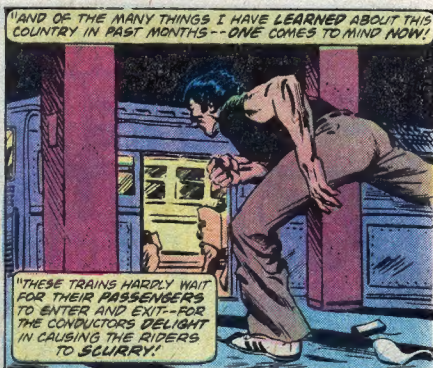
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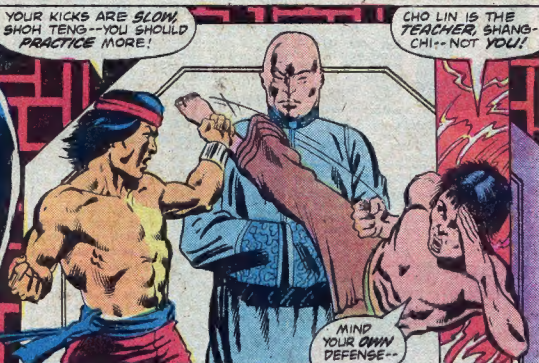
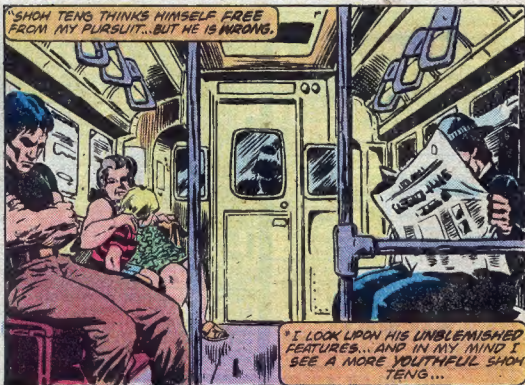
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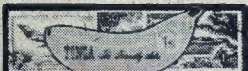
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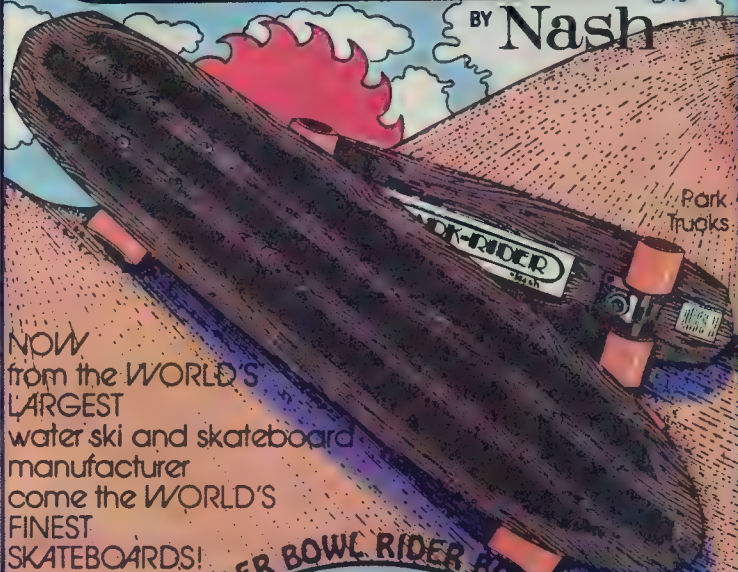
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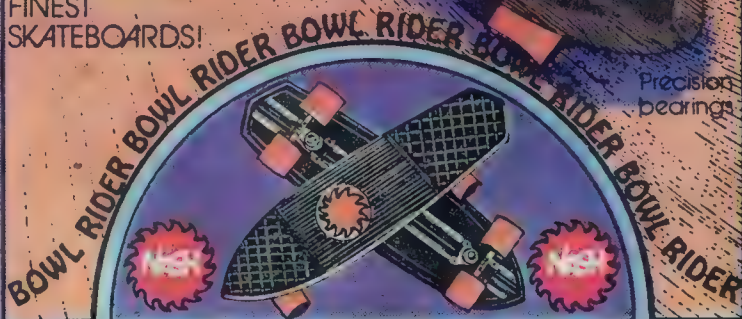
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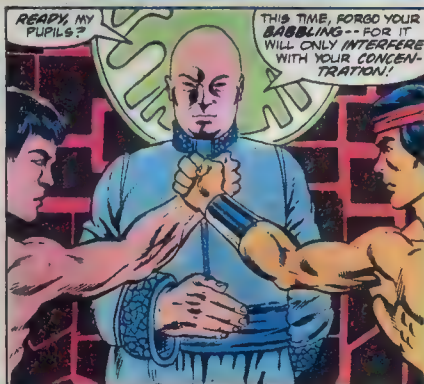
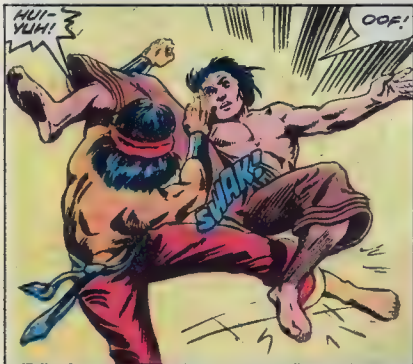
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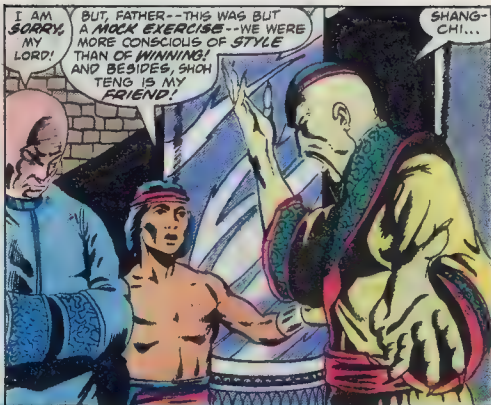
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SHANG-CHI...



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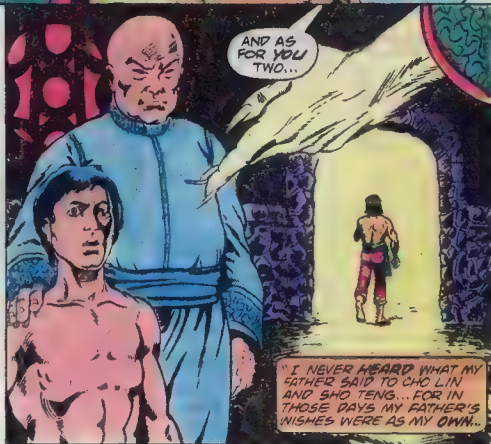


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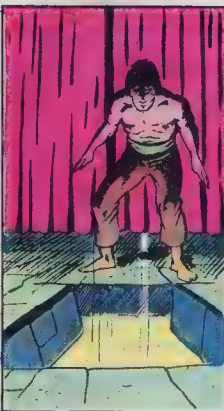
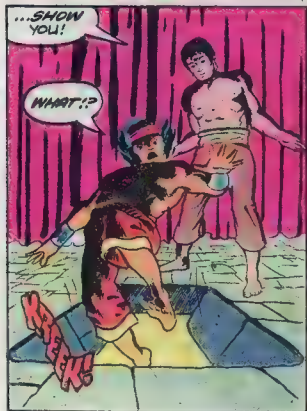
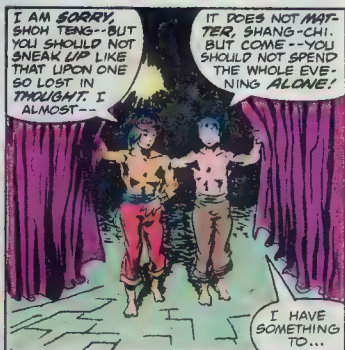
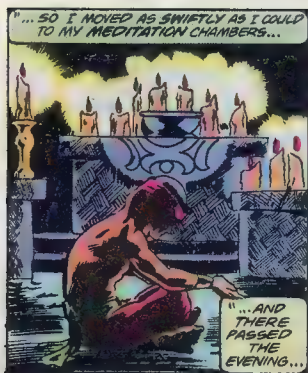
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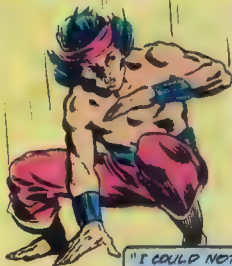
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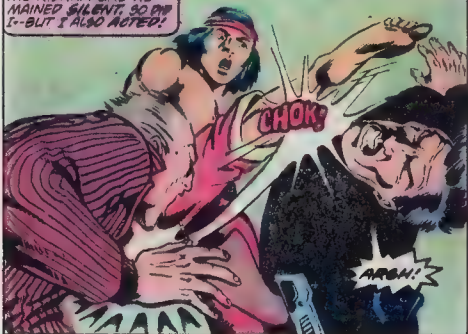
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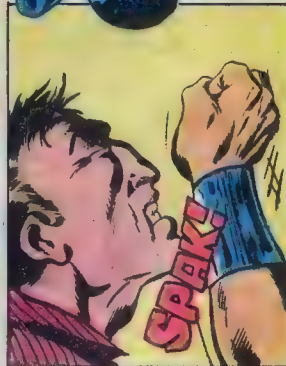
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ARGH!



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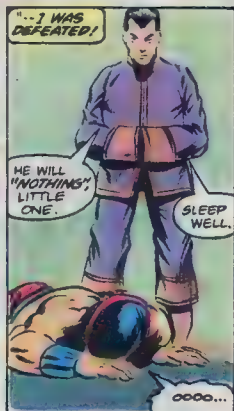
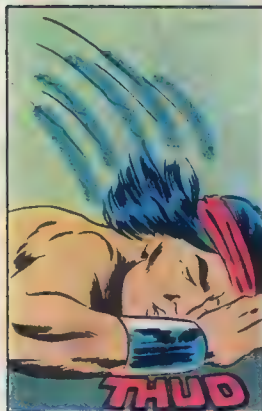


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"AS I SLIPPED INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS,
I THOUGHT OF SHOH TENG'S WAVY."

I HAVE DONE AS
YOU REQUESTED,
MASTER!

VERY
GOOD,
SHOH
TENG.

YOU
SHALL
BE RE-
WARDED!

BUT NOW IT IS TIME FOR
ME TO PLAY MY PART!

"I AWOKE FROM MY STUPOR
TO FIND MYSELF CHAINED--
WITH DEATH-DRAGON LEER-
INGLY BLOWING SMOKE IN
MY FACE!"

I HOPE
YOU ARE
COMFORT-
ABLE
HANGING
THERE,
LITTLE
ONE--

--FOR YOU
SHALL STAY
THERE EVEN IF
YOU ARE NOT!

CUT SHANG-
CHI DOWN
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WHO
DARES?

CH-POW!

I DARE!

I--FU
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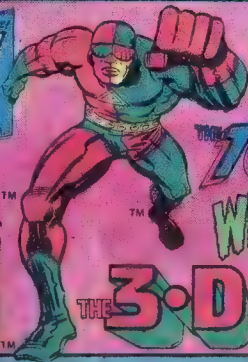
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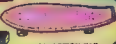
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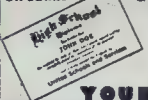
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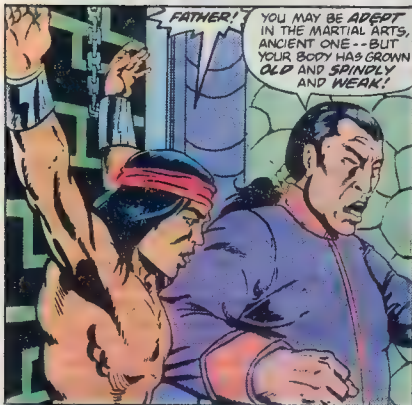
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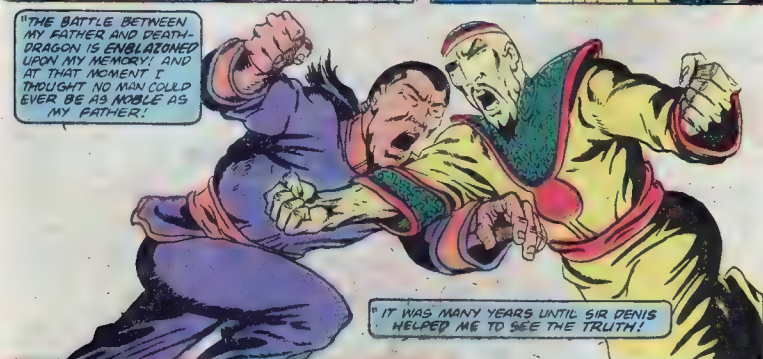
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YOU MAY BE ADEPT
IN THE MARTIAL ARTS,
ANCIENT ONE -- BUT
YOUR BODY HAS GROWN
OLD AND SPINDLY
AND WEAK!



WRONG, FOOL!

FOR I HAVE BE-
COME LIKE A GREAT
OAK--STRONG
AND WIRY AND
WISE! AND MORE
THAN A MATCH
FOR YOU OR
ANY MAN!



"THE BATTLE BETWEEN
MY FATHER AND DEATH-
DRAGON IS ENGRAINED
UPON MY MEMORY! AND
AT THAT MOMENT I
THOUGHT NO MAN COULD
EVER BE AS NOBLE AS
MY FATHER!

"IT WAS MANY YEARS UNTIL SIR DENIS
HELPED ME TO SEE THE TRUTH!



WOP!



FWAK!



SO YOU LAND THE FIRST BLOWS,
FU MANCHU! IT IS MEANING-
LESS!

I
WILL
YET
WIN!



I WILL
YET
CONQUER
YOU!

NO, FOOLISH ONE--
YOU WILL CONQUER
NONE BUT YOUR-
SELF!

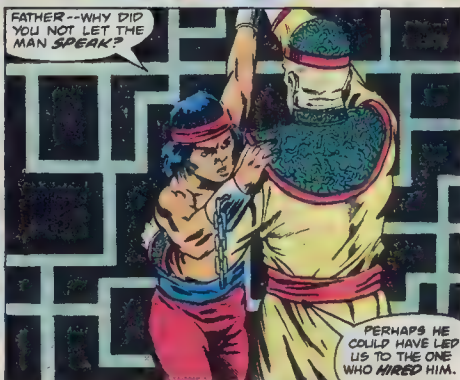


NO! NO--WAIT,
MAS--UNRAK!



"I WATCHED IN AWE AS MY FATHER
KILLED THE MAN WHO HAD CAPTURED
ME..."

"DOING IT
COLDLY...
CALLOUSLY...
BRUTALLY..."



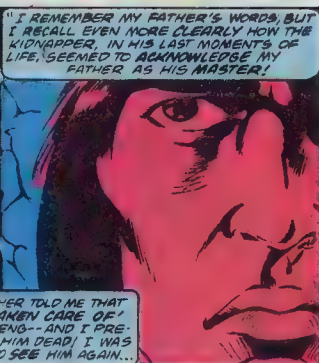
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YOU NOT LET THE
MAN SPEAK?

PERHAPS HE
COULD HAVE LED
US TO THE ONE
WHO HIRED HIM.



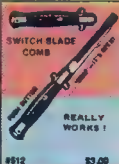
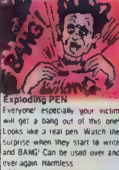
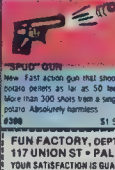
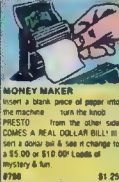
NO, MY SON--
HE MERELY
WANTED TO
TRICK ME IN-
TO GIVING HIM
AN UNEARNED
TRUST!

YOU HAVE BEEN BETRAYED
TODAY BY ONE YOU THOUGHT
A FRIEND, SO REMEMBER
THIS--TRUST NONE BUT
ME, FOR THERE IS NONE
OTHER WORTHY OF IT!



"I REMEMBER MY FATHER'S WORDS, BUT
I RECALL EVEN MORE CLEARLY HOW THE
KIDNAPPER, IN HIS LAST MOMENTS OF
LIFE, SEEMED TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY
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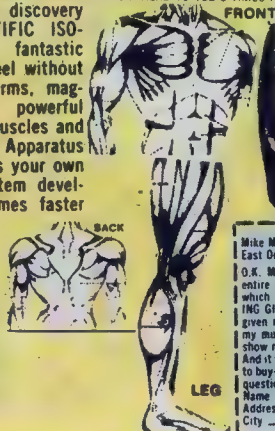
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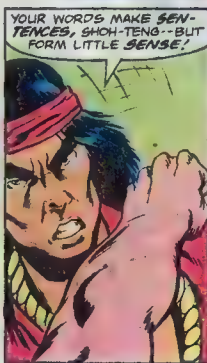
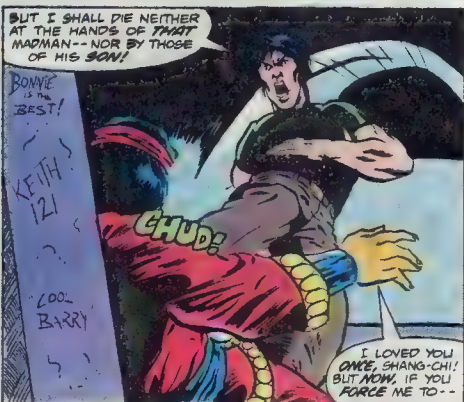
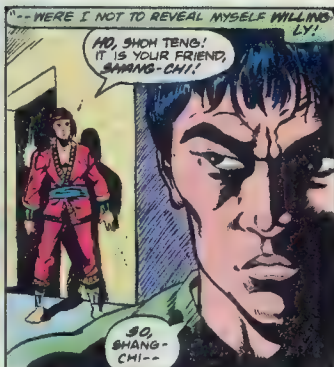
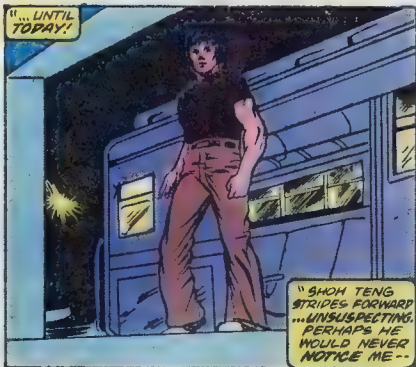
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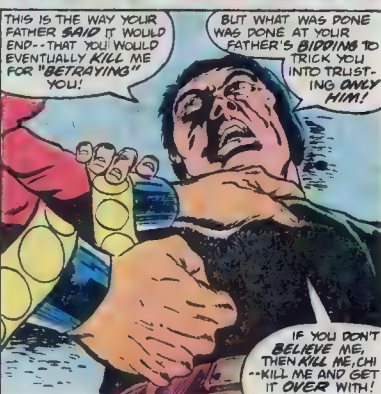
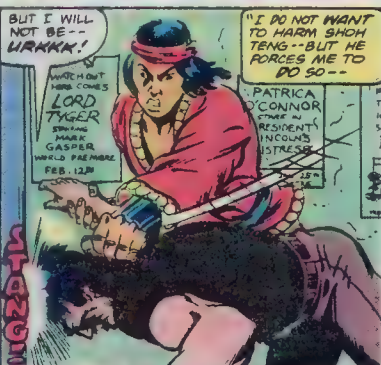
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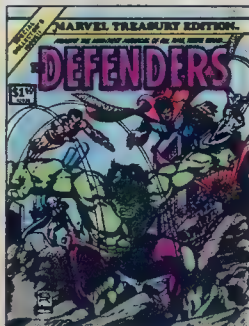
Well, there I was a few weeks ago, lecturing at Virginia Polytech U. — or Va Tech as the cognoscenti call it. Nicest gang of guys and gals on that campus you'd ever wanna see. After the heavy stuff ended, we stood around jawin' for a while, and that's when it happened! A young proff walked up and asked me why I've changed the ol' Soapbox. I didn't know what he meant. "I never changed my column," I told him. "I've always used it to keep in touch with my bosses—the mighty minions of Marveldom." "Untrue!" said he! "The Soapbox used to be a place where you really levelled with us, where we'd discuss the philosophy of comics, movies, or whatever grabbed us. It was a place to get together, let our hair down, and get to know each other better. But now, it's like a tv commercial—you're always selling something!" He shook his head and sighed. "I miss the old-time Soapboxes. But I guess they'll never come back." Wow! After he left, I really plopped down and thought about what he'd said. And, y'know something? He was dead right! I realized I was huckstering our books, tv shows, and assorted products and paraphernalia right here in my column. But, where is it written that a fella can't see the light? I promised myself that, from now on, the Soapbox'll be a place where we can yak about anything that comes to mind, with emphasis on comics! I'll leave the hard-sell to the ad pages, where it belongs. So, let me now abjectly apologize to one and all for any excess of exuberance that may have made me pitch too many wares. Starting next ish, we're just gonna swap stories, gossip, and points of view—and you won't even need your wallet! (Even if it means less bread for us, at least we'll starve with class!)

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! If there are some puffed-out chests and beaming faces around the Bullpen of late, it's due to recent news from the comics fans of Great Britain about the results of their first annual, nationally-organized awards poll for the best material of 1976. To our pardonable pleasure and pride, a number of mighty Marvel efforts were singled out for top honors. HOWARD THE DUCK won as Favorite New Comic, Favorite Humor Comic, and netted honors for STEVE GERBER and JOHN BUSCEMA as writer and artist of the Favorite Single Comic Book Story. CONAN THE BARBARIAN fared almost equally well. He was voted Favorite Comic Book Character, and SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN was

declared Favorite Dramatic Comics Magazine. CHRIS CLAREMONT was voted Favorite British Comics Writer (for CAPT. BRITAIN, we assume), and one of his books, X-MEN, was named Best Dramatic Comic. We'd like to thank all our friends in Great Britain for these honors and assure them that, despite slightly swelled heads, we'll strive to produce even better work in the future. Let's also tip our hats to Richard Burton and Michael Conroy, the two stalwarts who labored long and hard organizing and running the awards (which are called Eagle Awards, by the way, after a famous British weekly comic). Well done, fellas. We're looking forward to seeing how the awards for '77 come out.



ITEM! February may be a short month, but we've managed to cram a fair number of extra goodies into it just to help ease you through that mid-winter gloom. For starters, there's the SPIDER-MAN POCKET BOOK #2 which features issues 7 through 13 of the amazing one's adventures, all in full color, complete and unabridged. With the price of back issues these days, these Pocket Book paperbacks have to be one of the biggest bargains around and a nifty way to have your own, bound library of Marvel's greatest hits. They're at your favorite bookstore now. Grab 'em before these become Collector's Items too! Also on tap this month is our latest MARVEL TREASURY EDITION, spotlighting everybody's favorite non-team, the dynamic DEFENDERS in three of their classic action sagas, including their very first, and displaying the art and writing talents of such luminaries as ROY THOMAS, ROSS ANDRU, BILL EVERETT, SAL BUSCEMA, LEN WEIN, STEVE ENGLEHART, KLAUS JANSON, and DAVID ANTHONY KRAFT. Seek it out, you won't be sorry. Last, but not necessarily least, we have CRAZY Magazine's "Annual Idiot Issue," which won't make spring come any faster but may keep you too busy chuckling to notice the wait.

ITEM! Let's have a hearty "welcome aboard," for Dazzling DICKIE MCKENZIE, recently arrived from the hills of Kentucky to seek fame, fortune, and spelling errors in service of our editorial department. Glad to have you with us, Ms. McKenzie. We can always use help with our proofreading.

ITEM! You may have heard that New York has gone sort of Dracula-happy. There are currently two hit stage plays about the incredible Count thriving simultaneously. What you may not know is that one of them, "The Passion of Dracula," is the work of Marvel contributor, BOB HALL. Bob's probably familiar to you as penciler of THE CHAMPIONS, SUPER-VILLAIN TEAM-UP, and several other epics including an up-coming MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE which teams Bashful Ben Grimm with Hercules, but for the play, Mr. Hall not only shares co-credit for the set designs, he co-wrote the production, and, in addition, did the art for the ads. Talk about your Ranselance men! Everyone that's seen the play tells us it makes for a really fun evening of theater, so if you're in the area, you might want to check it out. Tell 'em Doc Doom sent you.

ITEM! We couldn't mention Dracula without laying a few words on you about a certain color comic called TOMB OF DRACULA. Just when we think writer/editor MARV WOLFMAN and artist GENE (The Dean) COLAN have worked every possible variation on the subject of vampires and their kith and kin, those guys pull another surprise out of their bag of tricks. Lately, aided and abetted by ace embellisher TOM PALMER, they've come up with one of the wildest concepts yet: The Lord of the Vampires has lost his vampiric powers! He's suddenly human and vulnerable, but all his many enemies are still as hard on his heels with stakes in hand as ever. We don't know how Marv, Gene, and Tom are going to wrap this whole thing up, but we sure don't intend to miss an issue until we find out! As a team, these three guys have been putting the Count through his paces since 1973; it seems like they're only getting better. If you believe you've seen everything in a weird book, catch their latest act... and be surprised.

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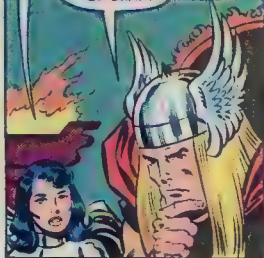
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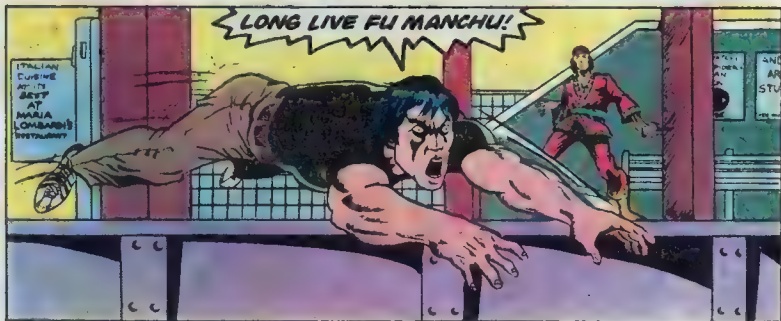
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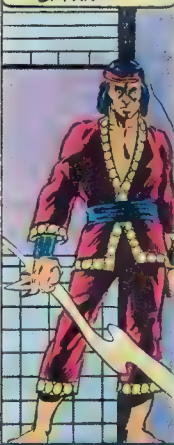
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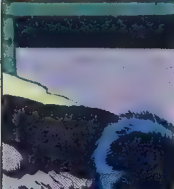
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"OUR MEETING TODAY WAS PLANNED AND INTENTIONAL."



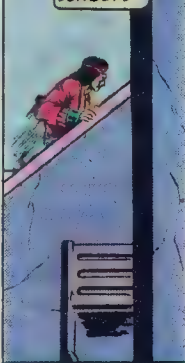
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"WITH HIS STAGED KIDNAPPING AND RESCUE, MY FATHER HAD MEANT TO TEACH ME TO TRUST NONE BUT HIM. HIS LESSON WORKED...TOO WELL, FOR I GREN TO TRUST NOT EVEN HIM!"



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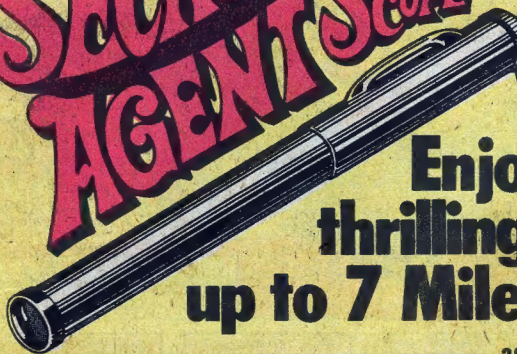
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